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- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 3 is attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. References 1-3 were cited in a International Search Report. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 3.

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